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May 11, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: DAVID McMANUS  
FROM: JOHN DEAN  
SUBJECT: Culpepper Reaction Plan

Attached is a copy of Operation Plan 1-71 (Culpepper Reaction Plan) issued by the Marine Corps Development and Education Command at Quantico. This plan supports the Federal Reserve Plan providing security for the Communications and Records Center of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond located at Culpepper, Virginia, which is already on file in the Situation Room, and should be filed with it.

As you may recall, the basic plan was filed in the Situation Room because, in the event of a criminal attack on the facility, the Governor of Virginia is authorized to request of the President the deployment of federal troops to protect the large amount of currency stored there. Additional copies of both the basic plan and Operation Plan 1-71 are on file in my office.

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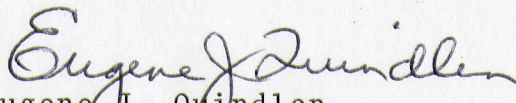
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Honorable John W. Dean, III  
Counsel to the President  
The White House

SUBJECT: Federal Reserve Plan for Defense of the  
Federal Reserve System Facility at  
Culpeper, Virginia

When Mr. Baird of my staff visited you on September 29, 1970, he left copies of the Federal Reserve Plan for Defense of the Culpeper Facility. I understand that you retained one copy of the plan on file in your office and that, in accordance with your instructions, a copy is on file in the White House Situation Room.

On March 26, 1971, the Marine Corps Development and Education Command at Quantico issued Operation Plan 1-71 (Culpeper Reaction Plan) which is a supporting plan to the Federal REserve Plan mentioned above. Two copies of Operation Plan 1-71 are enclosed, and I suggest you may wish to file one copy with the basic plan in your possession and have the other copy filed in the Situation Room.

  
Eugene J. Quindlen  
Assistant Director for  
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Operation Plan 1-71 (CULPEPER REACTION PLAN)

- Ref: (a) Marine Corps Operation Plan 1-70 (DOD MILITARY SUPPORT PLAN)  
to Annex (Operations) of Federal Reserve Plan for Defense  
of Culpeper, Virginia Facility  
(b) CG, MCDEC ltr 3B/tfc of 21 Oct 1970  
(c) Map: AMS 5460 IV NW-Series V834 Culpeper Quadrangle, 1/24000

Task Organization

<u>Marine Corps Base, Quantico</u>	CG, MCB, Quantico
Headquarters Battalion	
<u>Schools Demonstration Troops</u>	CO, SDT
<u>Marine Corps Air Station</u>	CO, MCAS
<u>Marine Corps Base, Quantico Motor Transport</u> <u>Section</u>	MTO

1. SITUATION. Due to the large amount of Emergency Funds stored there, the Culpeper Facility of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond requires a comprehensive plan for defense against criminal attack. It is anticipated in the preparation of this plan that local and state law enforcement agencies may require and request augmentation from the Federal government should a large-scale criminal attack against the Facility occur. Reference (a) tasks this Command to be prepared to provide this augmentation in the form of a Federal military support force to be known locally as the Culpeper Reaction Force. This operation plan is prepared to facilitate accomplishment of the missions assigned this Command by reference (a).

a. Criminal Forces. As identified by local and/or state law enforcement agencies.

b. Friendly Forces

(1) Culpeper Facility Guard Force attempts to repel initial attack and implements alert procedures.

(2) Culpeper County Sheriff's Office deploys available law enforcement personnel to the Facility and attempts to control the situation.

(3) Division 2 of the Virginia State Police, located four miles east of Culpeper on Highway #29, provides and controls state police forces in response to the situation and issues advisory alerts to state headquarters of the Virginia State Police and Commanding General, Marine Corps Development and Education Command as the situation dictates.

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(4) Virginia National Guard reacts to the situation on order of the Governor of Virginia.

c. Attachments and Detachments. None.

d. Assumptions

(1) That the order to employ the Culpeper Reaction Force will authorize reasonable use of force as necessary to assist state and local law enforcement officials in curtailing described criminal activities and in bringing into custody of state and/or local law enforcement officials the persons who perpetrated those activities.

(2) That employment of the Culpeper Reaction Force will be of short duration and will be terminated at the earliest practical time that it can be replaced by state controlled forces.

2. MISSION. When directed, Marine Corps Development and Education Command employs a reinforced rifle platoon, by surface or helicopter, to the vicinity of Culpeper to assist and augment local and state authorities in reacting to a criminal attack launched against the Federal Reserve Bank Facility at Culpeper, Virginia.

### 3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations

(1) Commanding General, Marine Corps Development and Education Command will receive initial notification of possible employment of the Culpeper Reaction Force from the Commanding Officer, Division 2 of the Virginia State Police. Upon receipt of this notification, Commanding General, Marine Corps Development and Education Command will order Commanding General, Marine Corps Base to dispatch the Marine Corps Liaison Officer to Headquarters, Division 2 of the Virginia State Police and cause the Culpeper Reaction Force and supporting units to be alerted for possible employment. See Annex A (Instructions for the Marine Corps Liaison Officer) and Annex B (Alert Procedures).

(2) Upon receipt of the order from the Marine Corps Command Center to execute reference (a), Commanding General, Marine Corps Development and Education Command will order Commanding General, Marine Corps Base to dispatch the Culpeper Reaction Force by either surface or helicopter means to the vicinity of Culpeper, Virginia to augment and assist civil authorities in curtailing criminal activities directed against the Culpeper Federal Reserve Bank Facility. See Annex C (Assembly Areas and Landing Zones).

(3) Upon termination of operations in the Culpeper area, the Culpeper Reaction Force and accompanying elements of supporting units will return to Marine Corps Development and Education Command and revert to operational control of the parent commands.

b. Commanding General, Marine Corps Base. On order, dispatch one field grade officer to the vicinity of Culpeper to act as Marine Corps Liaison Officer (Annex A). This officer is designated by billet as the Assistant G-3.

c. Schools Demonstration Troops

(1) Be prepared to employ a rifle platoon reinforced with a 106mm RR squad, an assault squad, a machine gun squad and a demolition team (with four satchel charges) in the defense of the Culpeper Federal Reserve Bank Facility at Culpeper Virginia within three hours of receipt of notification of possible employment.

(2) Prepare plans for the movement of the Culpeper Reaction Force to the vicinity of the Federal Reserve Bank Facility by truck convoy or helicopter or a combination of both.

(3) On order, direct the Commander, Culpeper Reaction Force to execute a designated movement plan and report for operational control to the Marine Corps Liaison Officer for operations in the Culpeper area.

d. Marine Corps Air Station

(1) Be prepared to provide a detachment capable of transporting the Culpeper Reaction Force by helicopter to the vicinity of the Culpeper Federal Reserve Facility within three hours of receipt of notification of possible employment of the Force.

(2) On order, direct the Officer in Charge of the Detachment to operate in direct support of the Culpeper Reaction Force for movement to the Culpeper area and under operational control of the Marine Corps Liaison Officer for further operations.

(3) Be prepared to provide a helicopter for medical evacuation if the Culpeper Reaction Force deploys by motorized convoy.

e. Marine Corps Base, Quantico Motor Transport Section

(1) Be prepared to provide a detachment capable of transporting the Culpeper Reaction Force by motor vehicle to the vicinity of the Culpeper Federal Reserve Bank Facility within three hours of receipt of notification of possible employment of the Force.

(2) On order, direct the Officer in Charge of the Detachment to operate in direct support of the Culpeper Reaction Force for movement to the Culpeper area and under operational control of the Marine Corps Liaison Officer for further operations.

f. Coordinating Instructions

(1) No unit is required to maintain forces or supporting elements in an alert status until notification of possible employment of the Culpeper Reaction Force is received.

(2) See Annex A (Instructions for the Marine Corps Liaison Officer).

(3) See Annex B (Alert Procedures).

(4) The initial movement of the Culpeper Reaction Force from the Marine Corps Development and Education Command will be to one of the assembly areas or landing zones depicted in Annex C (Assembly Areas and Landing Zones).

(5) The name and location of the Marine Corps Liaison Officer will be furnished the Force prior to its departure from the Marine Corps Development and Education Command.

(6) Spot reports will be submitted by the Culpeper Reaction Force to the Marine Corps Liaison Officer on each occasion of other than routine activity when the Force is operating under his control.

(7) All personnel participating in the execution of this Plan will be guided in the application of force by the contents of reference (b).

(8) Direct liaison between units is authorized for planning and execution.

#### 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. General. The Culpeper Reaction Force will deploy equipped to engage in combat for a period of one day.

##### b. Material and Services

(1) Supply. The Culpeper Reaction Force and supporting detachments will deploy with the following supplies:

(a) Class I - One day.

(b) Class II - Minimum essential.

(c) Class III - Vehicles topped off plus one five gallon can per vehicle.

(d) Class IV - Minimum essential.

(e) Class V - Basic allowance (to be drawn from GARDEN PLOT protected stock).

(2) Transportation. Transportation for the Culpeper Reaction Force will be provided by Detachment, Marine Corps Air Station and/or Detachment, Marine Corps Base, Quantico Motor Transport Section.

c. Medical

(1) Commanding Officer, Headquarters Battalion will provide three Corpsmen to the Culpeper Reaction Platoon within three hours of receipt of notification of possible employment of the Force.

(2) Casualties will be evacuated by the most expeditious means available as determined by the Marine Corps Liaison Officer to one of the following locations:

(a) Culpeper Memorial Hospital (located south of Culpeper on Laurel Street off U. S. Route #29).

(b) Mary Washington Hospital (located at 2301 Washington Avenue off U. S. Route #1 Bypass in Fredericksburg, Virginia).

(c) U. S. Naval Hospital, Quantico, Virginia.

d. Personnel

(1) The Culpeper Reaction Force will deploy at T/O strength.

(2) Personnel assigned to GARDEN PLOT forces may be assigned to and employed with the Culpeper Reaction Force when GARDEN PLOT forces are not employed and no CIDCON alert is in effect.

(3) All casualties occurring in the execution of this plan will be reported to the Marine Corps Liaison Officer, who in turn, will submit casualty reports to Commanding General, Marine Corps Development and Education Command as specified in Annex A.

e. Civil-Military Cooperation

(1) The Culpeper Reaction Force, under the operational control of the Marine Corps Liaison Officer, will operate in coordination and cooperation with local and state law enforcement officials as well as Department of Justice representatives.

(2) No public announcement of the implementation of this plan will be made. All inquiries will be directed to the Department of Justice (Interdivision Information Unit).

f. Miscellaneous

(1) Should the Culpeper Reaction Force or any portion thereof deploy from the Marine Corps Development and Education Command by motor vehicle, Military Police escort for the convoy will be provided by the Provost Marshal.

(2) No special allowance or funding is authorized in support of this plan.

(3) Ammunition issued to the Culpeper Reaction Force will remain encased while the Force is enroute to the vicinity of Culpeper. No weapons will be loaded until the specific order to do so has been received from the Marine Corps Liaison Officer.

## 5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL

### a. Communications - Electronics

(1) Initial notification of possible employment of the Culpeper Reaction Force will normally be received by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 (or MCDEC Staff Duty Officer) by telephone call from Headquarters, Division 2 of the Virginia State Police.

(2) Effective immediately, the Provost Marshal will continuously monitor the radio net of Division 2 of the Virginia State Police as an alternate means of receiving initial notification of possible employment of the Culpeper Reaction Force.

(3) Immediately upon receipt of notification of possible employment of the Culpeper Reaction Force, Commanding Officer, Schools Demonstration Troops will provide the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 with the following items of communications equipment with operators:

(a) One AN/MRC-87 (For MCLO)

(b) One AN/MRC-109 (For MCLO)

(c) One AN/PRC-25 (For MCLO)

(d) One AN/TSC-15 (For ACofS, G-3)

(4) Communications between Commanding General, Marine Corps Development and Education Command and the Marine Corps Liaison Officer will be maintained over the Culpeper Reaction Command Net.

(5) Communications internal to the Culpeper Reaction Force will be maintained over the Force Internal Net. Communications between the Marine Corps Liaison Officer and the Culpeper Reaction Force Commander will also be maintained over this net.

(6) In addition to those radios required to establish the Force Internal Net, the Culpeper Reaction Force will deploy with communications equipment necessary to establish four stations capable of monitoring the radio net of Division 2 of the Virginia State Police.

(7) Radio frequencies and voice call signs are contained in Annex D. The Marine Corps Base Communication-Electronics Officer will provide changes to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 as required.

### b. Command Posts

(1) The Marine Corps Development and Education Command Command Post will be located at Lejeune Hall, Building #3250, Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia.

(2) The Marine Corps Liaison Officer will report the location of his Command Post as established.

(3) The Culpeper Facility Guard Force Command Post is located two miles southeast of Culpeper in the vicinity of Mount Pony, grid coordinates 403587 reference (c). Telephone 825-1261.

(4) The Culpeper County Sheriff's Office Command Post is located at 132 West Davis Street in Culpeper, Virginia. Telephone 825-1232.

(5) The Command Post of Division 2 of the Virginia State Police is located four miles east of Culpeper on Highway #29. Telephone 825-8315.

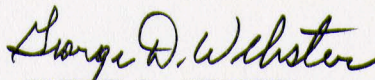
(6) The Virginia National Guard Command Post is located in the 9th Street Office Building in Richmond, Virginia. Telephone 770-2403 (Operations and Training).

c. Command Relations

(1) The Marine Corps Liaison Officer will assume operational control of the Culpeper Reaction Force and supporting detachments upon their arrival at the assembly area designated by the Marine Corps Liaison Officer.

(2) Upon return of the Force and supporting detachments to Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia, they will revert to the operational control of parent commands.

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ANNEXES

- A - Instructions for the Marine Corps Liaison Officer
- B - Alert Procedures
- C - Assembly Areas and Landing Zones
- D - Radio Frequency and Voice Call Sign Chart (To be issued separately)
- X - Distribution

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Annex A (Instructions for the Marine Corps Liaison Officer) to MCDEC  
OPLAN 1-71 (CULPEPER REACTION PLAN)

1. Purpose. This Annex delineates the general and specific duties and responsibilities of the Marine Corps Liaison Officer in execution of the basic plan.

2. General. The Marine Corps Liaison Officer will act as the senior Department of Defense representative present in the Culpeper area. As such, he will be responsible for the following:

a. Establishing liaison with all civil law enforcement agencies operating in defense of the Culpeper Facility including the Department of Justice.

b. Exercising operational control of the Culpeper Reaction Force and supporting detachments upon their departure from Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia.

c. Employing the Culpeper Reaction Force in cooperation and coordination with civil authorities against criminal elements threatening the security of the Culpeper Federal Reserve Bank Facility.

d. Terminating the employment of the Force when it is determined that assistance from Federal forces is no longer required.

3. Specific Duties and Responsibilities. On order, the Marine Corps Liaison Officer will proceed to Headquarters, Division 2 of the Virginia State Police and accomplish the following tasks:

a. Maintain communications with Commanding General, Marine Corps Development and Education Command via the Culpeper Reaction Command Net.

b. Establish and maintain liaison with Commanding Officer, Division 2 of the Virginia State Police.

c. Notify the Department of Justice (Inter-Divisional Information Unit, Area Code 202, REpublic 7-8200, extension 2364/2365) that he has arrived in the Culpeper area and liaison has been established.

d. Monitor the situation and notify the Department of Justice when it is ascertained that the Governor of Virginia is considering requesting Federal military support from the President of the United States. The Marine Corps Liaison Officer may be asked by a representative of the Department of Justice to express an opinion as to whether the employment

of Federal forces is justified. No predetermined criteria has been established upon which this opinion should be based. The opinion should be drawn from a logical estimate of the situation.

e. Notify Commanding General, Marine Corps Development and Education Command of the intention of the Governor to request Federal military support.

f. When directed, assume and exercise operational control of the Culpeper Reaction Force and supporting detachments to include the following:

(1) Assignment of missions to the Force and supporting detachments.

(2) Issuance of instruction regarding the application of deadly force. Instructions issued will be based on guidance received (see Assumption 1) and the contents of reference (b) to the basic plan.

(3) Coordination of activities of the Force with local and state law enforcement officials.

(4) Termination of employment of the Force when advised by state law enforcement officials that it is no longer required.

g. Submit Situation Reports to Commanding General, Marine Corps Development and Education Command every four hours in the format prescribed in Appendix 1.

h. Submit Casualty Reports to Commanding General, Marine Corps Development and Education Command as casualties occur. Include information as follows:

(1) Death Reports

(a) Grade, full name, service number, military occupational specialty and branch of service.

(b) Parent unit.

(c) Duty status.

(d) Date and hour, place, cause and circumstances of death. Give concise but ample explanation of the facts.

(e) Location and disposition of remains.

(f) Complete identifying data on other personnel injured in the same incident.

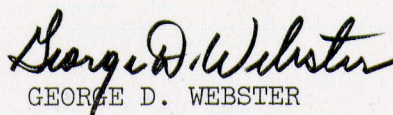
(2) Reports of Injuries

(a) Grade, full name, service number and branch of service.

(b) Parent unit.

- (c) Duty status.
- (d) Brief description of the injury or cause of incapacitation. Describe parts of the body affected.
- (e) Condition and prognosis if known.
- (f) Date, place of occurrence, circumstances and cause of injury or incapacitation.
- (g) Activity to which casualty was evacuated.
- (h) Complete identifying data on other personnel injured in the same incident.

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APPENDIX

1 - Format for Situation Report

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Appendix 1 (Format for Situation Report) to Annex A (Instructions for the  
Marine Corps Liaison Officer) to MCDEC OPLAN 1-71 (CULPEPER REACTION PLAN)

SITUATION REPORT NO. \_\_\_\_

Period Covered: (date-time to date-time)

1. CRIMINAL FORCES

- a. Forces in contact.
- b. Brief description of criminal activity during period covered by report.
- c. Brief estimate of criminal strength, material means, morale and his probable knowledge of our situation.
- d. Conclusions covering courses of action open to criminal forces.

2. OWN SITUATION

- a. Location of units.
- b. Location of civilian forces.
- c. Brief description and results of operations during period of report.

3. ADMINISTRATION

(General statement of the administrative situation if other than normal,  
as it directly affects the tactical situation.)


4. GENERAL

5. COMMANDER'S EVALUATION

(To be completed when directed by higher authority.)

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Annex B (Alert Procedures) to MCDEC OPLAN 1-71 (CULPEPER REACTION PLAN)

1. Purpose. This Annex describes the alerting procedures to be followed upon receipt of initial notification of possible employment of the Culpeper Reaction Force.

2. Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3. During working hours, the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 will normally receive initial notification of possible employment of the Culpeper Reaction Force by telephone call from the Commanding Officer, Division 2 of the Virginia State Police. Upon receipt of such notification, the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 will take the action necessary to verify the call and alert appropriate commanders and staff officers.

3. Marine Corps Development and Education Command Staff Duty Officer. During other than normal working hours, the Marine Corps Development and Education Command Staff Duty Officer will receive the first notification that a situation has occurred which might require the employment of the Culpeper Reaction Force. This notification will normally be received by telephone from Division 2 of the Virginia State Police. Upon receipt of such notification, the Staff Duty Officer will accomplish the following:

a. Immediately verify the notification by calling Division 2 of the Virginia State Police (Telephone 825-8315) regardless of the source of notification. If the notification is verified, continue with subparagraph b below. If the notification cannot be verified, contact one of the following officers: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Assistant G-3, or the G-3 Operations Officer and continue with subparagraph b below.

b. Call the Officer of the Day, Schools Demonstration Troops; Officer of the Day, Marine Corps Air Station; the Staff Duty Noncommissioned Officer, Marine Corps Base, Quantico Motor Transport Section; Duty Officer, Headquarters Battalion and the Desk Sergeant, Military Police, Marine Corps Base, Quantico and alert them that employment of the Culpeper Reaction Force may be imminent.

c. Call the following officers and inform them of the situation:

- (1) G-3 Operations Officer
- (2) Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3
- (3) Assistant G-3
- (4) Chief of Staff, Marine Corps Base, Quantico

d. Call the Marine Corps Command Center (Telephone OX5-7366 at Headquarters Marine Corps) and inform the Director or Watch Officer that Commanding General, Marine Corps Development and Education Command has been alerted for the possible employment of the Culpeper Reaction Force by Division 2 of the Virginia State Police.

4. Subordinate Commanders. Commanding officers of units participating in the execution of this plan will ensure the maintenance of appropriate internal alert procedures.

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Annex C (Assembly Areas and Landing Zones) to MCDEC OPLAN 1-71 (Culpeper  
Reaction Plan)

Ref: (a) Map: AMS 5460 IVNW - Series V834 Culpeper Quadrangle, 1/24,000

1. For additional assembly area, see Appendix 1.

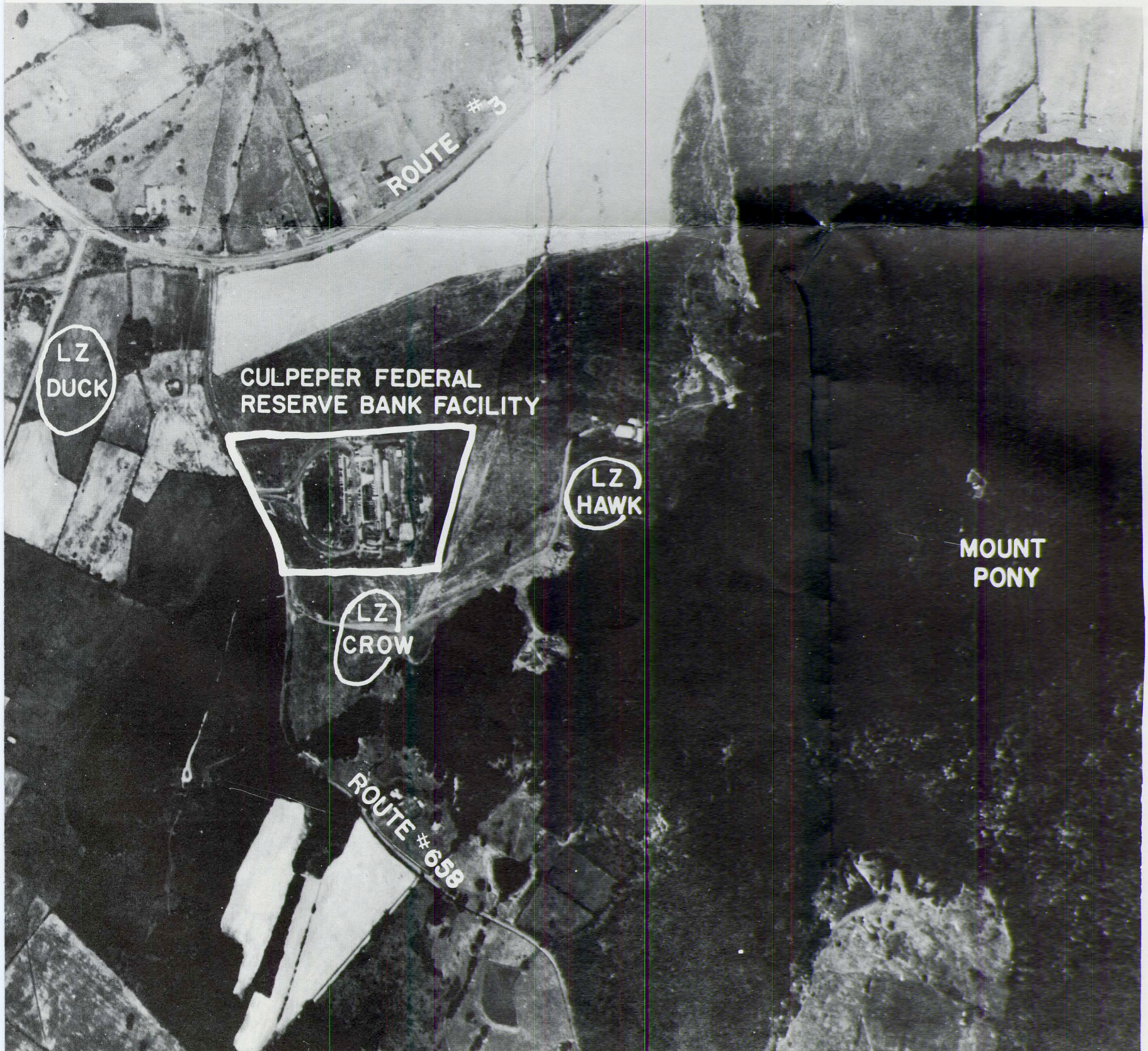
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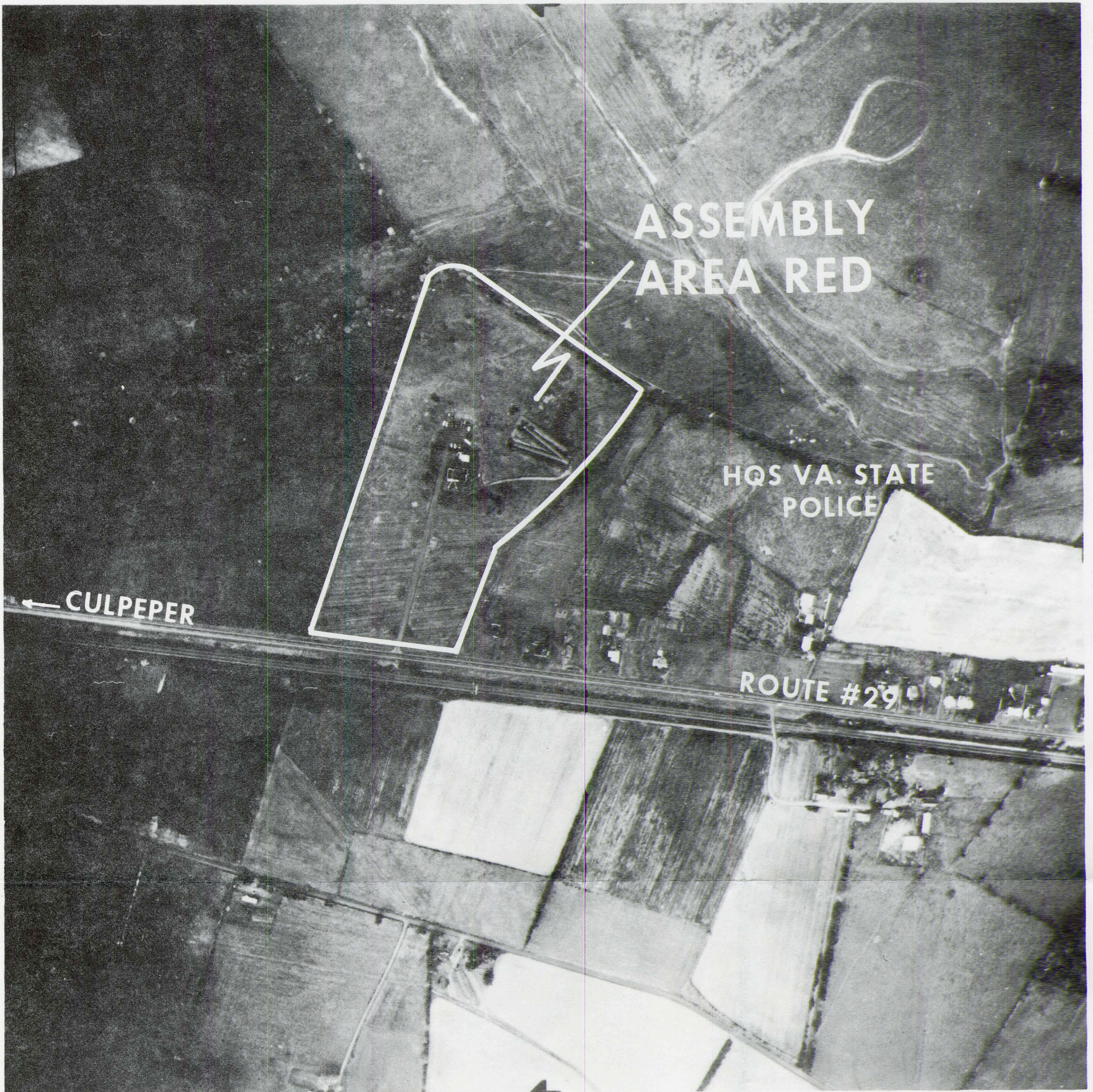
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1 - Assembly Area Red

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Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3	5
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4	1
Commanding Officer, Schools Demonstration Troops	3
Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station	2
Commanding Officer, Headquarters Battalion	2
Commanding Officer, Service Battalion	1
Marine Corps Base, Quantico Motor Transport Section	2
Provost Marshal	1
Staff Duty Officer	1
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HEADQUARTERS  
Marine Corps Development and Education Command  
Quantico, Virginia 22134

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From: Commanding General  
To: Commanding General, Marine Corps Base

Subj: Culpepper Reaction Plan

Ref: (a) Marine Corps OPLAN 1-70 (DOD Military Support Plan) to  
Annex A (Operations) of Federal Reserve Plan for Defense  
of Culpepper, Virginia Facility  
(b) SECNAVINST 5400.12

1. Reference (a) tasks this Command to be prepared to react to a criminal attack against the Federal Reserve Bank Facility at Culpepper, Virginia by providing a liaison officer and a reinforced rifle platoon to assist and augment local and state authorities.
2. You are directed to prepare plans to accomplish the missions assigned in paragraph 3 of reference (a). You will execute these plans only when the order to execute has been received from the Marine Corps Command Center. In planning and execution, you will be governed by the provisions of reference (a) and this letter.
3. The following guidance is applicable to the preparation of plans:
  - a. The plans will take the form of MCDEC OPLAN 2-70 (Culpepper Reaction Plan).
  - b. Although you are authorized to utilize personnel and equipment assigned to the MCDEC CD Battalion for planning and execution of the Culpepper Reaction Plan, you must be prepared to reconstitute these assets should employment of GARDEN PLOT forces be directed.
4. In execution of the Culpepper Reaction Plan, the following guidance is applicable:
  - a. When employed, the Culpepper Reaction Force will operate under the operational control of the Marine Corps Liaison Officer.
  - b. As the senior DOD representative, the Marine Corps Liaison Officer will be responsible for the issuance of instructions pertaining to the use of force by Marines. All missions assigned to the Culpepper Reaction Force by the Marine Corps Liaison Officer will be accompanied by instructions which restrict or authorize the use of deadly force as

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appropriate. Only that amount of physical force necessary to accomplish assigned tasks will be authorized. The following extract from reference (b) should be used as a guide when authorizing the use of force:

"Deadly force (taking a life or inflicting grievous bodily harm) is authorized only as a last resort when all lesser means have failed or cannot reasonably be employed. The use of deadly force should normally be limited to those instances where reasonably necessary in self-defense (when in imminent danger of death or grievous bodily harm) or defense of another person similarly endangered, in preventing the commission of a serious offense involving violence and threatening death or serious bodily harm (such as armed robbery, aggravated assault or rape) or in preventing serious damage to vital Government property."

c. Should it become necessary to authorize the use of deadly force, the Marine Corps Liaison Officer will determine whether the employment of fire power will be selective or massive in nature. The type of fire to be utilized will be specified in as much detail as possible in his instructions to the Force.

d. It is imperative that all members of the Culpepper Reaction Force thoroughly understand that they are authorized to use deadly force when confronted with a clear and imminent danger to human life. They must possess, however, an equally thorough understanding of the principle that only the minimum force necessary to accomplish the mission will be used.

e. The fire power of the Culpepper Reaction Force may be used to reinforce that of civil authorities on the scene. When such is the case, Marines will not initiate the firing. They will fire only after shooting has begun or in self-defense.

f. Marines employed as members of the Culpepper Reaction Force will not possess authority to place in arrest or apprehend civilians. However, they will be authorized to detain valid suspects until civil authorities arrive on the scene.

g. Ammunition issued to the Culpepper Reaction Force will remain encased while the Force is enroute to the vicinity of Culpepper. No weapons will be loaded until the specific order to do so has been received from the Marine Corps Liaison Officer.

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21 Oct 1970

Subj: Culpepper Reaction Plan

5. It is requested that MCDEC OPLAN 2-70 (Culpepper Reaction Plan) be forwarded for my review upon completion.

*R G Davis*  
R. G. DAVIS

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October 2, 1970

**MEMORANDUM FOR DAVE McMANUS**

Attached is a reaction plan for the deployment of Federal forces in support of local authorities designated to protect the Communications and Records Center of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond located at Culpeper, Virginia.

In the event of an emergency, the Governor of Virginia is authorized to request of the President the deployment of Federal troops. I believe it would be appropriate to keep a copy of this plan on file in the Situation Room. An additional copy is on file in the Office of the Counsel to the President.

**TOM CHARLES HUSTON**

**Attachment**

**cc: John W. Dean III**

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 2, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN BROWN

I am forwarding the attached document which sets forth a security plan for the Communications and Records Center of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond located at Culpeper, Virginia. A copy of this plan should be kept on file in the Situation Room and a copy will be kept on file in my office.

I have reviewed the plan and find no objection to it.

JOHN DEAN 

cc: Baird - OEP  
Grimwood